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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, the term for response to which expires on April 12, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph on page 16, lines 12-20 with the following:

The "diffraction grating of a predetermined period for forming a diffraction interference pattern", in this structure means a diffraction grating having a periodic modulated pattern of optical characteristics such as the amplitude and phase formed thereon and should cover every diffraction grating including a reflection type diffraction grating for forming a diffraction interference pattern on the light receiving surface and a transmission type diffraction grating.

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